

## AGENDA

## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

## REGISTRATION/DIRECTIONS

(CST)

8:00 to 8:25	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Conference Welcome
8:25 to 9:40	<b>Special Education Law: 2010 in Review</b> Melinda Jacobs, Esq. The Law Office of Melinda Jacobs LaFollette, Tennessee
9:40 to 9:50	Break
9:50 to 10:50	<b>Sexual Harassment and Misconduct in the Electronic Age</b> Regina Jackson, Esq. English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley Bowling Green
10:50 to 11:50	<b>Those Dreaded Evaluations: Why They're Important and How to Do Them Right</b> Bob Chenoweth, Esq. Robert L. Chenoweth Law Office Frankfort
11:50 to 12:50	<b>Luncheon</b> Luncheon Presenter: Wayne Young Executive Director, KY Association of School Administrators Legislative Update
12:50 to 1:50	<b>Open Records Act/Open Meetings Act Update</b> John Fogel, Esq. KY School Boards Association Frankfort
1:50 - 2:00	Break
2:00 to 3:15	<b>Emerging Legal Issues: How to Stay Out of Trouble When Making Difficult Decisions</b> Mike Owsley, Esq. English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley Bowling Green
3:15 - 3:30	Evaluation & Adjournment

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
March 2, 2010

### Special Education Law: 2010 in Review

The best way to learn is from the mistakes of others! Get ready for attorney Melinda (Baird) Jacobs' fast-passed, humorous, and informative review of the most important special education cases of the year. Find out what the courts are saying about service animals, autism, money damages, Section 504 and more.

*Melinda Jacobs, an attorney in private practice in LaFollette, Tennessee, has worked in the field of special education law since 1985. She exclusively represents school systems in special education matters pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and related laws.*

### Sexual Harassment and Misconduct in the Electronic Age

Despite many preventive measures taken over the years, sexual harassment and misconduct continue to present real and significant challenges to administrators. These challenges are compounded by the new electronic age allowing instant communications on a 24/7 basis with little to no opportunity for supervision. Regina will explore the latest legal developments in this area as well as how districts can best respond to protect students and staff from harm while insulating themselves from liability.

*Regina A. Jackson with the Bowling Green firm of English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley serves as managing partner for the agency. She handles a wide variety of school-related matters on behalf of several Boards of Education in south central Kentucky, representing school districts in both litigation and non-litigation matters. Former president of the Council of School Board Attorneys, Regina has a B.A. from Berea College and J. D. from UK.*

### Those Dreaded Evaluations: Why They're Important and How to Do Them Right

No one likes completing evaluations. They are time consuming and can be down-right uncomfortable when an employee is not meeting expectations. However, they are required and can result in significant problems for the district if they are not taken seriously and done correctly. In addition to explaining the evaluation requirements, Bob will address the thorny issues of whether an employee with a stellar evaluation can be non-renewed based on poor performance and how to best document performance deficiencies.

*Robert L. Chenoweth held various positions, including Deputy Attorney General, during the twelve years he served in the KY Office of the Attorney General. He has authored over 350 formal advisory opinions relating to education. Board attorney for multiple KY school districts, Bob has a B.A. degree from Purdue University and his J.D. from the University of Kentucky.*

### Open Records Act/Open Meetings Act Update

This presentation will focus on the latest decisions of interest to school leaders from the Office of the Kentucky Attorney General under the Kentucky Open Records Act and Open Meetings Act. These decisions will serve as a jumping off point for a discussion of general tips and "must avoid" practices under Kentucky records and meetings legislation.

*John C. Fogle III was admitted to the bar in 1988 and since that time his work as an attorney has focused almost exclusively on school law issues. He has been Staff Attorney for the Kentucky School Boards Association for five years and, among other duties, he consults daily with school leaders and attorneys on school law issues.*

### Emerging Legal Issues for Administrators: How to Stay Out of Hot Water

Those of you who have attended this conference in the past know that Mike Owsley "tells it like it is" and he may make you squirm in your seat. His presentations are always looking over the horizon at the legal challenges you are likely to face as the law continues to develop obstacles and restrictions on your actions.

*Mike Owsley, partner in the Bowling Green firm of English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, serves as attorney for a number of KY Boards of Education. He is a graduate of WKU and the University of Louisville School of Law and has served as the President of both the Council of School Board Attorneys and the KY Defense Council.*

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Green River Regional Educational Cooperative  
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- Conference attendance is limited; early registration is encouraged.

## DIRECTIONS

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**From Owensboro:** Take Natcher Parkway to Exit 4 (31-W). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto 31-W (Nashville Road). Proceed approximately 2 miles to WKU South Campus which will be on the left.

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